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In re Application of

Doyen, et al.

Application No. 10/676,663

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: DECISION ON PETITION  
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This is a decision on the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181(a), filed December 11, 2006.

The petition is **granted**.

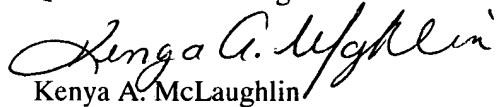
This application was held abandoned June 22, 2006, after no reply was received to the non-final Office action mailed March 21, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months from its mailing date. A response was not received within the allowable period and the application became abandoned on June 22, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 1, 2006. Petitioner maintains that the non-final Office action was never received and provides a copy of the relevant docketing calendar as proof of the same.

Section 711.03(c)(II) of the *Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* ("MPEP") provides that in order to establish non-receipt of an Office action so as to prove that the imposition of a holding of abandonment is improper, petitioner must: 1) provide a statement to the Office indicating that the Office action was not received by petitioner; 2) include in the statement an attestation to the fact that a review of the file jacket and docket records maintained by petitioner indicates that the Office action was not received; and 3) provide a copy of the docket record where the non-received Office communication would have been entered had it been received and docketed.

Petitioner has met the burden of proof as established by Section 711.03(c)(II) of the MPEP. The holding of abandonment is, therefore, withdrawn.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2629, GAU 2629 for further processing, including re-mailing of the non-final Office action and resetting of the time period for reply.

Questions concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

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